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FOGGY BOTTOM AT THE CROSSROADS

Some implications of the decision by the District Government Planning Office to designate the Foggy Bottom area as Residential" and "Medium Commercial" "Medium Density

pus as a part of the downtown

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"To be or not to be. That is the question." Most of us first encountered that quotation when we read or watched a performance of Shakespeare's Hamlet. The question now also faces us residents of Foggy Bottom, West End, Dupont Circle, Logan Circle, Shaw and Capitol Hill as to whether our neighborhoods will rewe have sought out, or whether the Comprehensive Plan will be the blueprint for their destruction. The Comprehensive Plan was prepared by the District of Columbia Office of Planning and has been submitted by the Mayor to the City Council for its approval. The Plan's basic purpose is to guide the future development of Washington through the turn of the century by providing guidance to developers, city planners and the Zoning Commission as to what forms and densities of development are appropriate in each part of the city. As submitted to the Council, the Plan's thrust is to expand the downtown commercial core to provide added jobs and tax revenue. Several areas have been selected to serve as regional (as opposed to local) development centers. Georgetown has been unwillingly selected for that role. What is in store for us, however, is much worse. Please read further to see what the Mayor has planned for usand what you can do to help prevent it from happening.

The Generalized Land Use Map, which provides the context in which the Plan will be interpreted, depicts the expansion of the city's commercial core from the present "downtown" area outwardeast, north, and west. The proposed expansion of the commercial core engulfs the moderate density residential, institutional, and the neighborhood commercial "mix" of structures and uses now found in Foggy Bottom and the West

by Steve Levy and Hardy This area of townhouses, small commercial establishments, university academic buildings and dormitories, and a sprinkling of apartment buildings stands as one of Washington's prime urban assets—an "intown" urban residential community a few short blocks from the downtown commercial and governmental core. Such urban residential areas— Foggy Bottom, Dupont and Logan Circles, and Capitol main the residential enclaves Hill in Washington, Society Hill in Philadelphia, Beacon Hill in Boston—constitute the future for cities in the United States, and represent the evolving new balance between the suburbs and urban centers. They are at once the reflection and the stimulus of the rebirth of the American city and the best guarantee of the continued viability of our urban agglomerations.

Urban planning decisions which reverse or inhibit the continued development of intown, moderate density, residential areas adjacent to the commercial/recreational core place the long-term health and vitality of contemporary U.S. cities in jeopardy. Such decisions condemn American cities to further core rot and suburban sprawl, with all the concommitant problems of increased traffic congestion, air pollution, and the mounting costs of the new streets, sewers, energy distribution nets (gas, electricity), and the other local government and private sector actions required to convert farm land into residential areas. Thus, for those interested in fostering and supporting the newly reviving vitality of our urban centers, planning decisions which threaten the continued existence of urban residential areas are clearly inappropriate and undesirable.

THE KEY CHANGES

The map presented by the Office of Planning gives each of us something on which to reflect. It formally endorses the eastern edge of The George Washington University cam-

commercial core. Many of you remember our pitched battles over the years to keep these areas zoned for residential use and our recent fight over the F Street Support Building/ warehouse/truck facility. Official conversion of part of the campus area to commercial use may well be used by the university to justify expanding its campus to the west and south. The city also plans to convert the blocks between 19th, 21st, E and F Streets (Squares 122 and 104) from their present predominant use as high rise residential (The Empire, York, Statesman, Letterman House, Thurston Hall, Mitchell Hall and two fine townhouses) and low-rise institutional (the quite vital Red Cross) into HIGH-RISE COMMERCIAL. The balance of the campus area, with many private homes, two apartment buildings and a condominium (The West End, Schenley, and President, respectively) is shown as purely institutional, rather than mixed residential and institutional use as it should be. The blocks between E, F, Virginia, 21st and 23rd (Monroe House, Potomac Park Apartments) as well as all of the West End north of Pennsylvania Avenue, part of Columbia Plaza (The Diplomat and Envoy buildings), Watergate, Potomac Plaza, Potomac Plaza Terraces and The Plaza, are slated for a mixture of highrise residential and medium density (still high-rise) commercial. Given the much higher value of commercial property, in most instances, our residential uses will invariably be diminished and commercial ones substituted. Those who live between Rock Creek, Pennsylvania Avenue, 24th, H, and north of a line running from H & 24th, parallel to Virginia Avenue, toward Rock Creek, will no doubt be interested to know that their area is slated for an approximate doubling in density. The Ambassador, Baron and Consul buildings of Columbia Plaza are shown as future Federal offices. In short, the Foggy Bottom and West End area, along with portions of our sister neighborhoods around the commerical core, is in serious trouble. Remember, the Zoning Commission will be required to use this guidance in determining what is appropriate zoning and development.

It is interesting that the Plan accepts a future decline in DC population as inevitable, and does nothing to encourage retention of housing in our neighborhood. This is truly a self-fulfilling prophesy.

The proposed increase of intensity of land use in the Foggy Bottom area from "moderate" to "medium" density residential (The Doubling in Scale) together with a parallel increase in the level of permitted commercial activity poses equally adverse impacts on the particular individuals who presently live and work in this urban residential community. The projected upward change is both a quality of life and a pocketbook issue. The projected step-up in permitted development density will accelerate the replacement of townhouses with high rise condominium apartment houses, medical office buildings, and luxury office structures. The quiet, tree-shaded streets will

become further jammed with client/patient cars, commercial delivery vehicles, and resident-owned automobiles. The charming gardens will be paved over and built on. The human scale townhouses and mid-rise apartment buildings will disappear. In sum, Foggy Bottom will no longer be the attractive, convenient, intown residential area that the present apartment and townhouse dwellers have known for 30 years and others have eagerly sought out. We have seen photos of K Street from many years ago-when it was a wide tree-lined boulevard of mansions. We know what it looks like now.

Simultaneously, as the residential high rises displace the present moderate density townhouse/apartment housing stock of Foggy Bottom, rents will go up and property values may remain static or go down. Most of you have been here long enough to see the dramatic increases in townhouse values over the last decade. In the past several years, for reasons relating to interest rates, mortgage money availability, the high overall level of housing prices here and the horrendous monthly payments on new mortgages, sales have

been slow and prices have Continued, page 8

MEETING

Foggy Bottom Association

Jack Eisen, Guest Speaker

Reporter for the Washington Post

Monday, Oct. 31, 1983 St. Paul's Parish House 2430 K Street, N.W. 8:00 PM All Are Welcome

Editorial Fighting Crime Effectively

If you noticed a silver grey Chrystler Cordoba parked in Snow's Court with its front end balanced on a cement block, relax, you do not have to fear the aesthetic decline of the neighborhood. In fact, due to the responsiveness and professionalism of the police of the Second District you don't have to fear for a decline in the safety of your property either.

Deep in the night on September 30, my husband and I were awakened by persistent knocking on our front door. A very polite and calm police officer informed my not yet fully awake husband that an individual or individuals had stolen the front wheels and hubcaps off of our car and that a suspect had been apprehended. He asked my husband to wait up (and wake up) and said he could return as soon as the suspect had been identified. Not even twenty minutes later, the officer returned to say that the suspect had been identified and that our stolen wheels etc. had been recovered along with some additional items apparently taken from other cars which had been broken into that same night.

That is a nice concise summary with a satisfying ending to what could have been a very dissatisfying experience, but it doesn't really tell the story.

The fact that there is a satisfying ending to that story is attributable to a combination of factors but primarily to the professionalism of the police force and the actions of one of our neighbors. You see, while the suspect (who was a black male wearing a white cap and

On the evening of September 26 the D.C. Department

of Transportation honored

out the District for their ef-

forts at neighborhood beau-

tification through the Adopt a

Park Program. Among those

honored were three residents

of Foggy Bottom. Ellie Becker-

was honored for her work on

the portion of land at the west-

ern corner of 25th Street and

Virginia Avenue, Handy

Handyside for the portion of

land on the corner of 26th and

I Streets N.W., and Deborah

Cahill-Zelinka for her work

organizing the fundraising ef-

fort and the development of

the Foggy Bottom Play-

Ellie Becker, Handy Handyside

and Deborah Cahill-Zelinka

calmly dialed 911 and gave the police a full description of the suspect. Both unmarked and scout cars responded to the call. Minutes later, plain clothes officers who were driving on New Hampshire Avenue toward Dupont Circle, responded to a report of a theft from an auto on 19th Street and recognized the suspect's car, from our neighbor's description, stalled further up the street. They blocked his car and made the arrest. At the same time another pair of officers was arresting a second suspect a couple of blocks away. He was attempting to escape by taxi with some stolen luggage.

The suspect in the theft of our tires was brought into Second District and booked. Because he was charged with a felony (for theft of over \$250) he was then brought down to the central cell block at 300 Indiana Avenue where he was photographed and fingerprinted and spent the night. He was arraigned the next morning. As it turned out he had spent time in jail for theft from auto and in fact has over 40 similar charges on his record. Nevertheless, his charge was lowered, by the U S Attorney's office, from Theft 1 to Theft 2 (a misdemeanor). The judge set a \$500 surety bond.

I went to the Second District to thank the officer that made the arrest. When I told him that I wanted to write an

Honored for Neighborhood **Beautification Efforts** ground. The awards ceremony which was held in the Market Five gallery on Capitol Hill several citizens from through- followed a reception in a park across the street from the

gallery. Thomas Downs, former Director of the D.C. Department of Transportation and now City Administrator, congratulated award recipients who received a beautifully framed and matted photograph of their parcel of land and a letter of thanks from Mayor Barry.

Several parcels of land are still available for adoption. Anyone interested should call Chris Bates at the D.C. Department of Transportation.

a white jacket and driving a article about the excellent red car) was busy stashing our work of all of the officers inwheels in his car and balancing volved in the incident he asked our Chrysler on a cement me to instead stress the role block, one of our neighbors played by my neighbor whose concern led him to call 911 and whose presence of mind enabled him to get a full description of the suspect. Without the call from that neighbor and the description that he was able to provide, the police would not have been able to apprehend the suspect and recover our wheels, tires and hubcaps. When I thanked my neighbor for making that call to 911 and told him that I wanted to write this article, he asked me to stress the competence and professionalism of the police officers involved and asked that I give the credit for his willingness to get involved to the existence of the Neighborhood Watch. Other concerned neighbors also called 911 to report the crime and I thank them as well.

The moral of this story is that it doesn't take any training or physical risk for the average citizen to fight crime effectively. All that it takes is a concerned neighbor to call 911 and have the presence of mind to get a description of the suspect and to remain available so that the police can reach you in case they need a further description after they arrive on the scene. Once we've done our part the fine men and women of the Second District will be able to respond with their notable efficiency and professionalism.

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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Section 3. Dues. Membership dues shall be due and payable as of July 1st of each year. (add: Dues paid through May 31st of each year will establish membership for the fiscal year ending June 30th and entitle members to vote in elections at the regular June FBA meeting. Dues paid after that date will apply toward membership for the next fiscal year). The amount of dues shall be determined by the Executive Board subject to ratification by the membership; except that no change in dues shall be effective until the fiscal year next following the year in which the change is adopted. However, the Executive Board may provide for a reduction of current dues for new members. (delete: No person whose dues

for the current fiscal year re-

main unpaid after December

31st shall thereafter be consid-

ered a member of the FBA).

ARTICLE III:

Section 2. Elections. With the exception of the two ex officio members, officers and other members of the Board must be elected by secret ballot (add: of those members present) at the regular June FBA meeting, and shall serve for the ensuing fiscal year or until their successors have been elected and take office. No person shall be elected to more than one office.

ARTICLE VI:

Section 1. Nominating Committee. There shall be a Nominating Committee of not less than five persons, the chairman and members of which shall be designated by the Board not later than (add: March 1st of each year), subject to the subsequent approval of the members of the FBA. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for submitting the names of per-

sons to be nominated for election as officers or members of the Board and of the FBA at the regular meeting of members in June.

ARTICLE VII

(Add: Section 6. Dissolution. In the event of dissolution of the FBA and after discharge of debts and settlement of its affairs, all funds and properties of the FBA remaining thereafter shall be conveyed to non-profit tax exempt organizations which shall be designated by a two-thirds vote of the voting membershp present or represented by proxy at the time dissolution of the FBA is approved.)

Letter to the Editor

By now residents of Foggy Bottom are well aware that the D.C. DOT, together with a consulting firm hired by DOT, and with representatives from the affected neighborhoods have met for about one year to discuss the redesign of the Whitehurst Freeway. In the May issue of the Foggy Bottom News I reported on the adoption by our ANC2A, on April 5, 1983, of a resolution requesting the DC DOT to prohibit through trucks over 11/4 tons in weight from using the residential area of K Street between 24th and 26th Streets, N.W. The resolution was adopted unanimously in response to a petition by residents. Since then it has become clear that residents in the blocks adjoining K Street between 24th and 26th Streets, N.W. have had a longstanding and deep concern about the adverse impact created by through traffic in this residential neighborhood, and that the redesign of the Whitehurst is being seen as a unique opportunity to reverse the damage which has been inflicted on the community since K Street was carved wider in the early 1960s to provide for more car commuters.

During the FBA meeting on May 31, when the Freeway was discussed with officials of the DC DOT and representatives of the consulting firm, a number of residents voiced grave concern that none of the four alternatives included in the Draft Second Interim Report of the Whitehurst Study provided for any amelioration of the intolerable traffic situation in the above affected neighborhood. Thereafter, a petition, drafted by Mr. Robin Jones, a resident of Single Member District 2A03, for which I am the elected commissioner, was circulated among affected residents. The petition requested the D.C. Government and its Department of Transportation to approve no plan for modification of the Freeway which does not include extension of the present K Street through traffic tunnel (4 center lanes) to beyond K and 26th Streets on the West and complete covering of the area West of 24th Street to provide for a pedestrian mall between 24th Street and 27th Streets, N.W.

The reaction to the petition was immediate and widespread. It was signed by 440 residents of the affected community, from about L Street and Pennsylvania Avenue on the north to about I Street on the south, within less than two weeks. Many residents enthusiastically volunteered to circulate the petition among the community. In response to this petition, a special meeting of ANC 2A was held on June 22. At this heavily attended meeting, which greatly benefited from the participation of Mr. Schoene, Assistant Director for Traffic Engineering and Operations of DOT and Mr. Groat, of the consultant firm, the tunnel concept received unanimous support. At the conclusion, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by ANC 2A:

WHEREAS in previous resolutions concern has been expressed by this ANC about the adverse impact of traffic in the residential neighborhood in the eastern terminus of the Whitehurst Freeway;

WHEREAS this ANC has thus far received 423 signatures from residents in the affected neighborhood requesting that through trucks be prohibited from using K Street between 24th and 26th Streets (ANC 2A Resolution D-5, 4/5/83):

WHEREAS none of the four alternatives included in the Draft Second Interim Report of the Whitehurst Freeway Corridor Study makes any change in the system in the residential portion of K Street between 26th and 24th Streets, N.W.

WHEREAS within less than two weeks, at least 439 residents in the affected neighborhood have signed a petition (Attachment A) again expressing their great concern that nothing is proposed to reduce the present adverse impact of through traffic;

WHEREAS the above petitioners have requested that no plan for the modification of the Freeway system be undertaken without including the extension of the present through traffic tunnel from K Street and 21st Streets to beyond K and 26th Streets on the

WHEREAS the new proposal for access on 27th Street makes it possible to accommodate the request for the tunnel between 24th and beyond 26th Streets on K Street and revert the access roads along K Street to purely local streets (Attachment B);

BE IT RESOLVED that the ANC 2A requests that the Draft Second Interim Report of the Whitehurst Freeway Corridor Study be changed to incorporate the above request amelioration in the residential portion of K Street between 24th and 26th Streets, and that the environmental impact analysis not proceed without including the extended tunnel alternative among those

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the proposed new access at 27th Street (Attachments B and C) also be studied to determine the impacts on the street system, with particular attention to 26th Street, M Street, Pennsylvania Avenue and 25th Street, and to determine how best to minimize

any adverse impacts on those streets.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that whatever the alternatives finally incorporated in the Second Report, this particular alternative be included in such a way that it cannot be rejected solely on the basis of considerations relating to other sections on the Freeway.

As a result, the DC DOT

authorized the consultant to include the tunnel concept in the Interim Report and authorized the necessary funds for the additional work by the consultant. The resolution and petition were forwarded to the DC DOT, John Wilson, our elected Councilmember, and Thomas M. Downs, City Administrator/Deputy Mayor for Operations, emphasizing that the extension of the traffic tunnel from Washington Circle to beyond 26th and K Streets is the only meaningful way to reduce the intolerable impact of through traffic, including trucks, in this residential neighborhood. A tunnel would eliminate the noise and sharply reduce the pollution currently affecting all residents in the affected community. It would also solve the problem raised in our previous resolution requesting a rerouting of trucks from the residential blocks of K Street, since the tunnel would put through trucks underground. Practical arrangements with a tunnel will probably involve some kind of access from M Street or Pennsylvania Ave. for traffic going west on the Freeway, viz. at 27th Street, as noted in the resolution. However, the resolution specifically provides that such access minimize any impact on 25th, 26th, M Streets, and Pa. Ave. In any event, our community cannot be expected to continue to bear the brunt of the whole traffic flow going west from the West End of Foggy Bottom and the area east of 24th Street, especially when such traffic will per force increase as a consequence of the forthcoming hotel and office developments in these areas. Adverse impacts must be shared more equally among affected neighborhoods.

Following the resignation of the previous ANC 2A representative, Jenny Brake, from the Freeway Study Steering Committee, the ANC 2A appointed Geoffrey Tyler as its new representative and Geoffrey Stamm as his alternate. Jenny Brake was thanked unanimously by the meeting for her work and a resolution was passed recording these thanks. The two new appointees subsequently participated in three meetings of the Steering Committee. As a result of their representations, two of the four alternatives include the tunnel/local street con-

I am aware that some Foggy Bottom residents, who previously had supported no change in the present configuration of K Street between 24th and 26th Streets, continue to do so. Their arguments appear to be as follows: (1) 25th and 26th Streets will be rejoined across K Street bringing enormous through traffic; (2) a tunnel is expensive, cosmetic only and politically impossible to achieve: (3) street parking will be reduced: (4) parkland gains will be smaller, and (5) an entry/exit to the Freeway at 26th St. and Pa. Ave. would be needed, which would shift the burden of traffic from K Street to other areas.

In the deliberations of the Steering Committee, the new representative of ANC 2A stressed that aspect of the ANC resolution referring to 26th, 25th, M Streets, and Pa. Ave. All of the new alternatives have the following features: (1) 25th and 26th Streets remain exactly as they are now—one way, local, with no passage across K Street (2) street parking on the present service roads on K Street between 24th and 25th Streets would be full-time, and on all other streets it would be unchanged. Total parking would therefore increase. (3) The increase in parkland would be the same or larger than in any previous alternatives, especially if it proves possible to shift 27th Street further west between L Street and I Street, which is being examined. (4) There would be no entry at 26th and Pa. Ave. The entry would be from M and 26th Streets along Rock Creek under Pa. Ave. to 27th St., which, as stated above may be shifted west of its present location.

As to the argument that the tunnel is cosmetic and politically unachievable, the former is absurd. The consultants have stated that it would make major reductions in noise and improve safety. That it would reunite the heavily residential areas either side of K Street is self-evident. Whether it is politically achievable can only be mittee ANC2A

proved by trying. If we fight for fair treatment I think we have a chance of winning. My contacts in the Administration certainly give me every reason to keep pressing for a tunnel. As we know from bitter experiences, we must fight to obtain and preserve a civilized quality of life in our neighborhood.

Some figures on traffic are revealing. They are derived from the consultant's estimates of traffic by the year 2006. Without any amelioration for the residential portion of K Street, the earlier East End proposals would result in K Street having in peak hours 1 2/3 times the traffic on Pennsylvania Avenue, 5 ½ times the traffic on M Street, more than 5 1/2 times that on the L Street exit from I-66 and almost 3 times that on 27th Street. Under the new tunnel alternatives, K Street traffic would be almost 1 3/4 times that on Pennsylvania Ave., more than 2 1/2 times that on M Street, more than 5 times that on the L Street exit and almost 1 2/3 times that on 27th Street. These figures show that K Street will still bear the brunt of the traffic burden but the tunnel and the entry at 27th St. and Pa. Ave. will at least alleviate the present intolerable situation facing the most densely residential part of our neighborhood.

Finally, I would emphasize that we are an active community with an excellent record of turning out to vote. Through the two petitions and the two ANC Resolutions we have registered our legitimate grave concerns. If we continue to insist on our rights to have relief from intolerable levels of traffic, the Government of the District of Columbia must

Maria Tyler Commissioner ANC2A03 Chair, Transportation Com-

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ANC From A to Z

Committee Reports:

Zoning: Z.C. 83-7. The Washington Circle Theater Corporation has petitioned the Zoning Commission to rezone a number of parcels of land on Square 51 (22nd, 23rd, L and M Streets) from residential [R-5-B and R-5-D] to a commercial-residential mix, [C-2-C]. The WCTC and ANC members have met on several occasions to discuss potential problems with this upzoning. The ANC was concerned that long term residential FAR should be developed for any land currently zoned residential and had asked WCTC to enter into a land covenant stating this intent. The WCTC was reluctant to agree to any land covenant. Public sentiment at the present meeting was sharply in opposition to this project, first because the current plan's intent was a rezoning of the land with developer commitment and not even an architectural rendering as to what any buildings would look like. Citizens thought they were asked to support a "pig in a poke." Another objection was any move to rezone residential land to commercial FAR for any reason would increase the pressure for similarly zoned land to be rezoned commercial in the West End. A third reason for objecting was there were no assurances that if the land was rezoned that any residential FAR would be developed because hotels count as residential in C-2-C. The ANC passed a resolution (I-2) in opposition to the project, but the chair called for a special meeting September 13th at St. Mary's Court at 7:30 for further discussion.

Exxon Corporation wants to move its gas station operation approximately 100 yards from the corner of M Street and New Hampshire Avenue to M and 22nd Streets. This would allow Exxon to close its full service station and replace it with a self-service station. The attorney for Exxon, Phil Feola, and the ANC members had met previously to discuss this issue. The ANC was concerned about the elimination of services in the neighborhood as well as insensitivity that this modular construction station showed to the surrounding architecture. The ANC voted [I-3] to oppose this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports:

Zoning: Proposed GWU Closing of 2000 I Street. The George Washington University has applied for the closing of the street in front of their newest building, 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue, known commonly in the neighborhood as 2000 I Street or "Red Lion Row." GWU came to the meeting to solicit neighborhood reaction to this proposal. There was a mixed reaction. Some citizens thought the extending of a park in front of RLR was better than the present road. Others were opposed because with the closing of the road there would be an elimination of at least 30 parking spaces, including 13 potential residential spaces. Also the traffic impact might adversely affect the 2100 block of I Street. The university stated that they would seek the FAR which the street closing would bring as a way of paying for the additional cost to create and BZA Case 14061: The maintain park space. This idea

did not please many of the residents at the meeting. Commissioner Levy proposed that an Ad Hoc Committee be established to look into this proposal. It passed in resolution form (I-4).

Housing: 2106 F Street: Residents from the Monroe House at 512 21st Street complained that the Washington Reality Group had damaged part of their building during the demolition of the Cleremont House at 2106 F Street. The ANC passed resolution I-5 requesting that the building inspectors take all necessary action to make sure the presently ongoing related construction at 2112 F Street not inflict any further damage to surrounding properties.

Environment: The ANC passed resolution I-6 to protest the late night jet flights into National Airport.

Environment cont.: Feeding of the Poor: There was citizen concern about the location to which the feeding stations for the poor had moved. There had been objection to Martha's Table setting up food relief stations on 26th Street. Tom Miller and Rich Churchill reported that feedings were currently being done at 24th and N and the 2000 block of Pennsylvania Ave. Phil Brown reported an increase of vandalism in his garage as a result of this feeding.

8. Other New Business: Cafe George: The Cafe at the corner of 22nd and G streets has applied for a liquor license for the consumption of wine and beer on the premises. The ANC took no position on this application, mainly because no one was sure what a recent Court of Appeals case had said about issuing such a license less than 200 feet from a school (Grant School).

> SOGGY **BOTTOM** BABIES HALLOWEEN COSTUME **PARTY** SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 1983 3-6 PM AT THE **PLAYGROUND**

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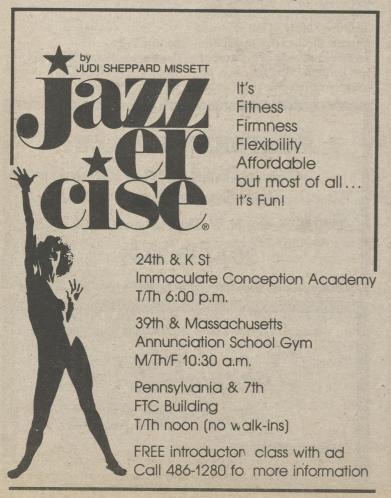
year-old son his address the other day and told him that if he ever got lost he should go to a police officer and tell him/ her his address and that the police officer would then take him home. He corrected me on that notion and told me that police officers "put you in jail." I assured him that if he was lost he would not be put into jail but would be brought home. Later that same day we saw a police officer and William decided to put my words to a test. He tugged my arm, led me over to the police officer and proceeded to tell him that he lived on 25th Street N.W. and that he did not want to go to jail. Officer Haynes was a kind and gentle giant of a man who assured my son that he would not put him in jail. The two of them then carried on a lengthy conversation with Officer Haynes stressing the importance of William remembering his address and knowing that police

I taught my almost three- officers are human beings who are there to help us. William left that conversation with a new and favorable impression of police officers.

According to Officer Marty Clark who is assigned to Public Relations in the Second District, it is exactly because children often hold police officers in awe and as unapproachable that twenty five of the local police jurisdictions have implemented a children's awareness program. From now throughout the football season every police officer will be carrying football cards and will give one to any child who asks for one. There are sixteen different cards in the series and the officers will carry a different card each week:

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FBA MINUTES REGULAR MEETING: **SEPTEMBER 26, 1983**

District Police Station presented crime statistics for the vicinity bordered by Virginia Avenue and the north side of K Street and 21st and 27th Streets. He reported that crime in the area had declined. One robbery and eleven burglaries occurred in this area for the period from August 6, 1983 through September 18, 1983. Hotels reported five of the burglaries and a business reported one burglary. The Lieutenant urged individuals to report all crimes and to call the police station if they notice suspicious activity. The telephone numbers to call are: 282-0050 (days) and 282-0070 (evenings). The Lieutenant expects to attend the next regular meeting of the FBA and answer questions and provide updated statistics on crime in the Foggy Bottom area, including the West End area north of K Street.

Ms. Marilyn Moskowitz, supervisor of the Red Cross Blood Services Volunteers, spoke of the need for volunteers. Volunteer blood donor aides perform the variety of functions necessary for the success of the Red Cross program. The aides register blood donors, label empty blood packs, escort donors to the Red Cross canteen, serve refreshments to donors and monitor their recovery in the canteen. The volunteers travel to different locations throughout the District and meet a broad spectrum of people. The first Monday of each month, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., volunteers assist at the Red Cross center, 2025 E Street, N.W. Contact Ms. Moskowitz at 728-6517 if you would like to spend some time as a blood donor aide.

Mr. Jim Zais, Ward II program coordinator for the Office of Community Services in the Mayor's Office, explained that the Office of Community Services employs one leader for each Ward to monitor all services provided by the executive departments of the District government. The program coordinators meet with the Mayor several times each week to bring issues to his attention and to voice the views of neighborhood residents on the delivery of services. Mr. Zais views zoning, ABC licenses and the delivery of basic services as the chief issues faced by Ward II. He hopes to keep in touch with the 9 major civic associations, 5 ANC's and 4 police districts in Ward II. Members of the audience expressed concern that the proposed comprehensive plan ignores the residential charac-

Lieutenant Herbert of the 2nd ter of Foggy Bottom and the desire of Foggy Bottom residents to maintain zoning for residences in the neighborhood. In response, Mr. Zais asked that interested persons present him with specific objections to the plan. To air your views on this or any other issue, call Mr. Zais at 727-6520.

Board member Eleanor Becker reported that the D.C. Department of Transportation has made the M12 Kennedy Center bus route a regular part of the Metro system during rush hour.

Steve Levy, ANC Commissioner, reported on a meeting called by the condominium association of the Monroe House, located on 21st Street between E and F Streets, to discuss street people in that vicinity. Lt. Herbert and Ward II Councilman John Wilson also attended the meeting. Street people congregating in that area have been assaulting elderly people, and defecating and urinating in public. To curb the incidence of this behavior, the following suggestions were made: increasing police activity, improving lighting along E Street, relocating feeding programs to parks maintained by the Park Service, and rotating the location of feeding programs.

Rick Churchill, FBA President, made several announce- 8 p.m. on October 31.

IRS requirements for obtain-FBA amended its Articles of Incorporation this summer to creditors would be disbursed to other tax exempt entities.

The FBA passed two resolutions before adjourning. The first resolution honored: Lucille Duprat for her FBA activity, and most recently her representation of Foggy Bottom in the Whitehurst Freeway discussions; Ed Winterbottom, FBA advertising manager for the past two years; and Carol Blumenthal, the attorney who has donated her time to obtain tax exempt status for the FBA. The second resolution opposed the Pedas case, in which rezoning from residential to mixed residential use is being sought for the property adjacent to the West End Circle Theater.

The next FBA meeting will be held at St. Paul's Church, 25th and K Streets, N.W., at

ments. Jean Bowling is the new advertising manager of the FBA News. The ANC and FBA jointly submitted a grant proposal to fund historic preservation efforts in the neighborhood. The IRS has given its tentative approval to the FBA's request for tax exempt status. In order to comply with ing tax exempt status, the provide that if the FBA were to dissolve, any assets which remained after it had paid its

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CRIMEWATCH

by Bob Alcorn

I have just returned from a rather lengthy tour of cities in the deep South all of which have some form or other of neighborhood watch, so that I thought it might be very interesting to compare their efforts at neighborhood watch with ours.

In Birmingham where the watch is directly under the city police, it is divided into neighborhoods just like ours. The wealthy neighborhoods are run with the responsibility directly on the shoulders of the citizens whom I must add are far more active than we are. They hold regular meetings to determine problem areas within their particular district as well as supply help to other areas nearby which may be experiencing problems. In the areas of great historic worth which are mostly located in neighborhoods where security is difficult, committees spell each other in surveillance of these treasures. The citizenry works closely with the police to determine where patrols are needed to be stepped up and not only streets but also many of the houses are marked with the watch signs to alert the criminal element to the perils of operation within the given area.

In Montgomery, where there is a great deal of urban renewal, restoration of vast historical areas, and redevelopment of tracts of historic residential blocks to mixed use while preserving the character and quality of building, the watch is under the sheriff patrol and while there is not as much evidence of watch signs, there seems to be more awareness on the part of business houses, local historic groups, and others toward the solving of security problems, breaking and entering, and the general safety of tourists interested in seeing all the sights. In the Hull Street area where a number of houses, inns, public buildings et al. from the first 50 years of the 19th century have been brought together to form a sort of local lore museum and where business houses and residents have been invited to buy the restored buildings for their own use and where there once was vandalism there is now a shared awareness among the tenants/ owners to combat any such problems.

In Selma, Alabama, where there is a great deal of restoration and urban redevelopment utilizing pre-existing buildings from the first 60 years of the 19th century there seems to be an awareness neighbor to neighbor, block to block, supervised by an active sheriff's patrol which combats problems which arise. I could go on to a number of other towns and cities but in almost every case, the local neighborhood watch depended on neighbor to neighbor cooperation, on strong civic pride, and a strong wish to maintain inner city residential areas no matter how hard the battle, while at the same time working together to provide for each other's security and crime prevention, as prescribed by the neighborhood watch programs.

We are beginning to work together neighbor to neighbor to fight crime, to set up forms of crime prevention, to push for police help when needed etc. Recently Potomac Plaza Terraces and Monroe House set up groups to fight crime.

On the 15th of September, I attended a barbecue given at the Second District Police Station on Idaho Avenue honoring the 2nd District for having lowered the crime figures for the 2nd quarter of the year. While there, I had a chance to see the bomb squad truck, the coast guard boat, the drunk driver wagon, the mounted police etc. all of which operate in our district and together are charged with maintaining peace and safety for our area residents and businesses. I also found that we are to get a new captain as Ron Murray is being detailed to Georgetown to help clean up that area like he did in Foggy Bottom. We will soon learn who is to be his replacement.

See you at the next Foggy Bottom Association Meeting and the ANC Meeting.

PRIMAL SCREEN THERAPY

by Karen Jaehne

The autumnal film for the folks who were never going to trust anyone over thirty is here, and it's called THE BIG CHILL. The "me-generation" has become "me-er," and the result is chillingly amusing. Excellent ensemble acting provides a group of seven college friends, who have more or less graduated into the "it's-acold-world-out-there" mentality, to show off their sensitivities in this comedy of manners. You will have heard mixed reviews of the movie. Please, remember it's a comedy; most of the reviewers who dislike it are aging hippies themselves, who are still outraged at the idea of being discussed in anything less than a noble and serious manner.

True, screen-writer and director Lawrence Kasdan (BODY HEAT) has poppedup his characters: a Vietnam vet into drugs (William Hurt), a successful businessman into jogging shoes (Kevin Kline) and his physician wife (Glenn Close), a housewife/mother (Jo-Beth Williams) frustrated by her button-down husband, a radical turned TV series super-star (Tom Berenger), a lawyer (Mary Kay Place) who has discovered that those unfortunate minorities are often indeed criminals, and a journalist (Jeff Goldblum) for People magazine who can do whole biographies in 32 para-

This bluejeans-bourgeoisie has never been unhappier, nor

reveled in it more. Taste has replaced causes. They are inured to the fact that life has not become what they expected back in '68. Inflated expectations have been pierced by inflation (although they are successful enough not, it seems, to feel the pinch). But if the price of success is loneliness, those old collegiate buddies and memories should be able to fill in the gap.

Nevertheless, it was not enough for Alex, the friend they've come to bury after his suicide. In the first cut of this film, a final sequence was a flashback showing them all as college kids, which apparently did not work. Perhaps it is better that the audience's imagination is forced into a contemplation of what they might have been. It would be a shame to end on a sour note, after what is one of the best opening sequences of a film in a decade. Wry and ruthless, the surprise lies in a former hippie becoming hip enough to make us see ourselves as having sold out at bullish prices in a bearish market.

The conveniently maligned military-industrial complex is also the bully in BRAIN-STORM, the latest sci-fi thriller. Natalie Wood makes her final appearance on celluloid, providing voyeurs with a quick glimpse at America's aging but still lovely, naughty but still nice icon. The film itself is about a team of research scientists replicating human experiences ranging from the

cheap thrills of a circus to the profounder problems of the soul after death. The dying scientist (played brilliantly by Louise Fletcher) hooks herself up to record her death. A fun but somehow cliched and soulless movie.

Watch for the star of BRAINSTORM, Christopher Walken, in a similar role, better played, in DEADZONE, after the Stephen King novel. It's not bloody or even scary. Walken plays a man who emerges from a coma with the ability to flash into other people's futures. "Dead zone" refers to that element of control we still exercise over the future in a seemingly predestined future. The twist in the ending is handled with panache by Martin Sheen, playing a sleazy politician, which must be appreciated since he will soon be seen as JFK in a TV mini-series that looks like it was made by taxidermists.

The American Film Institute, as usual, is offering some tasty fare in a series of Agatha Christie series, as well as early Peter Sellers: THE BATTLE OF THE SEXES, THE LADYKILLERS, and the cockney cleverness of TWO-WAY STRETCH. Check the program at the Kennedy Center!

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An election to fill two at- satisfactorily completed the petitioning requirements. The vacancies exist due to the recent resignations of Sara Blunt, formerly Ward 3 and now Ward 2 activist, and Joe Tom Easley, former President of the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club. The November 3rd elections will be followed by the regular monthly meeting of the Democratic Com-

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been soft. The higher "value" of land, where an increase in density is allowed, is generally only realized by the developer or by a speculator who has successfuly assembled a large land area. Expensive high rise construction can only be economic (1) if purchase prices for existing individual houses are less than those a prospective owner-occupier would be willing to pay to move into this much sought after residential community, and (2), if the projected high rise rent structure is markedly higher than the prevailing rents in the neighborhood. Even if the march of high rise apartments does not materialize immediately, the threat of widespread high rise development will hang over the real property market and depress prices. Eager buyers who are ready to pay current market prices for a single family townhouse in an in-town urban residential community will be much less ready to pay current prices in the face of rapid change in the character of the neighborhood and/or the prospect of being forced to sell out for a high rise development in five to ten years. The performing arts administrators, artists, international civil servants, US Government employees, professionals and just plain folks—active and retired who have eagerly sought housing in Foggy Bottom (and who have pushed up and sustained real property values in the process) will begin to look elsewhere in the District or across the River for the intown urban residence they de-Present townhouse owner-occupiers will be left holding an asset in a changing neighborhood or will be forced to join the departing parade.

While it is true that the present zoning of much of Foggy Bottom permits somewhat more intensive use of the land in the area (R-5-B zoning, for example, permits the construction of buildings which are 60 feet high, such as mid-rise apartment houses); the shift from present use to a slightly more intensive use is economic and profitable only in some locations (usually those adjacent to higher zoned areas along arterial streets). Such a shift has been typically aided in the past by the availability of grouped house or lo holdings of absentee landlords who are anxious to re-sell the properties they have accumulated expressly for this purpose. The resistance to high rise development which has been manifested by the combination of community residents and owner-occupied townhouse owners has been generally successful in dissuading developers from proposing higher intensity projects in the Foggy Bottom area. Most of the existing high rise apart-

ment structures in the area were built 15 or more years ago. But the encouragement offered by the projected Office of Planning shift from "moderate" to "medium" density residential plus the parallel shift toward higher level commercial use, will encourage and enable developers to redouble their block breaking efforts.

At this point you may be asking "What can I do?" Well, if those renters and owners who like Foggy Bottom the way it is want it to stay that way, the time has come for them to speak up and to get out and support the converted efforts of their neighbors in the Foggy Bottom Association and on the Advisory Neighborhood Commission who are attempting to convince the Members of the City Council to overrule the Mayor's Office of Planning and to preserve the unique in-town residential communities like Foggy Bottom and the West End. Only an aroused citizenry exploiting all the available tools (neighborhood action, historic district designation, partisan political clout) will be successful in obtaining the changes in the Office of Planning General Land Use Map which are required to preserve our intown urban residential community. The changes the ANC suggested to the Office of Planning over the last year, which the OP professed an intent to incorporate into their report, have been totally ignored. We must now directly lobby the City Council to see that the points each ANC raised, designed to protect the interests of our residents while recognizing the need for some development, are adopted. Our Councilmember, John Wilson, is on our side, but we need your help to convince other Councilmembers that (1) an acceptable generalized land use map should be adopted as an equally binding part of the Comprehensive Plan and that (2) such changes as have been proposed by the Ward 2 ANCs to preserve the vitality of the center city must be incorporated within that map. Please call as many Councilmembers as possible and register your concern.

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